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REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment and response, claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 27-29 were pending in the present application, claims 2, 5-7, 11, 13, 18, and 20-26 having been canceled by prior amendment. By the present amendment and response, Applicants have introduced new claims 30-49 and canceled claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 27-29. Thus, claims 30-49 remain in the present application. Consideration and allowance of pending claims 30-49 is respectfully requested.

A. New Claims 30-49

Applicants herein introduce new claims 30-49 directed to a flip-chip semiconductor device according to the inventive concepts described in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that the features recited by new claims 30-49 are fully supported by the teaching provided by the present application. *See, e.g.,* pp. 5-10 and Figures 1-20 of the present application.

B. Cancellation of Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 27-29

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 27-29 have been rejected by the Examiner on multiple grounds. Without addressing the merits of the asserted rejections, Applicants herein cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10, 12, 14-17, 19, and 27-29 previously pending in the present application.

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C. Conclusion

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Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention, as defined by new independent claims 30 and 41, and claims depending therefrom, is patentably novel and inventive. In addition, Applicants assert that no new matter has been introduced herein. As such, and for all the foregoing reasons, an early allowance of claims 30-49 is respectfully requested.

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